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Holiday hours set for dining

The Main Post Dining Facility will close after lunch Dec. 31 for renovation.

On Christmas Day, the Main Post Dining will be open for breakfast from 6 to 7 a.m., for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for dinner from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Camp Funston Dining Facility No. 2, Building 1865A, will be open Christmas Day the same hours as the Main Post Dining Facility.

From Dec. 23 to Jan. 2, the Camp Funston dining hall will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Camp Funston Dining Facility No. 1, Building 1833A, will close after the dinner meal Dec. 21 and reopen Jan. 2.

The Combat Aviation Brigade Dining Facility will close after the lunch meal Dec. 20 and reopen Dec. 27.

The 1st Sustainment Brigade Dining Facility will close after the lunch meal Dec. 27 and reopen on Jan. 3.

Hospital slates flu shots

Occupational Health at Irwin Army Community Hospital has blocked out times to provide flu vaccinations on a walk-in basis to military healthcare beneficiaries and civilian employees at Fort Riley.

Flu immunization for military healthcare beneficiaries will be given on the hospital's fifth floor from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20 and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 21.

Flu immunizations for Appropriated Fund and Non-appropriated Fund employees will be given in Occupational Health in the hospital's basement from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 20.

If an employee is unable to make these dates and times, they should call 239-7042 to schedule an appointment on a later date.

Stay in Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley, Tune in to Fort Riley cable channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. or watch "In Step with Fort Riley" at 5 a.m. every Saturday and at 11 a.m. most Saturdays on WIBW TV Channel 13.

Planned for this week's show, which runs on WIBW TV Dec. 16 and on the post's cable channel 2 Dec. 18-24, are:

- Holiday greetings from four Soldiers in the "In Step" viewing area
- 82nd Medical Company Soldiers receiving awards earned while in Iraq
- The Combat Aviation Brigade's Downed Aircraft Recovery Team training
- Information on planned hospital expansion
- Operation Santa Claus elves buying toys at the PX
- The pros and cons of giving a pet as a gift

CAB gunners aim to improve

By Spc. Stephen Baack
1st Inf. Div.

Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers pulled triggers on new M-240H machine guns while flying in UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters Dec. 40-8 at the Smoky Hill Range near Salina, Kan.

The live gunnery exercise was part of the CAB's effort to ramp

up training for its anticipated deployment next year.

Soldiers of each company in the CAB's 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, reacquainted themselves with, or learned how to fire, the M-240H machine gun while hovering in the helicopters near range targets.

The week before, crew chiefs and flight instructors went through the crawl and walk stages

of training by familiarizing themselves with the weapon, taking a written test and performing ground-based door gunnery.

The training at Smoky Hill Range covered day and night firing from a moving Black Hawk.

"We do this about two to three times a year," said Capt. Robert Dickerson, commander of Company A, 2nd Bn., 1 Avn. "We're going to be doing a lot more now

that we're back in the states, now that we have all of this training area open to us. It's pretty exciting to all the crew chiefs and the pilots."

"The first time shooting an [M-240] went all right, a little wild," said Spc. Brandon Pate, a Black Hawk crew chief with Co. A.

"I've never shot one before," Pate, who has experience with the mini-gun, said he's learned

that depth perception is more difficult to attain when moving through the air.

"Everything that you get, good or bad, is good training," Pate said. "You learn what not to do and what to do. You take a little bit from everything and you put them all together."

Soldiers were positioned on the

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Home again



Family members cheer and hold up signs as their Soldiers walk through the back doors of Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill during the 300th MP Co. redeployment ceremony Dec. 5.

1st Inf. Div./Baack

300th MPs embrace loved ones

By Spc. Stephen Baack
1st Inf. Div.

Nearly 400 cheering family members, friends and fellow Soldiers greeted members of the 300th Military Police Company as they walked through the doors of Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill Dec. 5.

The 300th MPs had just returned to Fort Riley after nearly a year training police forces in Iraq, setting up police stations and patrolling the streets of the al-Anbar Province.

"My Soldiers ... branched out and opened up two different stations," said 1st Lt. David Coffey, 3rd Platoon leader.

"They were working at three or four different stations, and they were outstanding on every level - squad leaders, team leaders, Soldiers - outstanding job, a lot to be proud of."

"They started with zero police, and I think in Ramadi we're up to 2,000 academy-trained police," Coffey continued. "There are daily patrols going on, making arrests and, really, we've been making a huge turn-around since we've been there."

Coffey also said the Ramadi police force had not had an active presence there since the fall of Saddam.

"It was a tremendous feeling seeing this entire company of Soldiers who served so

well, and I knew that he was a part of a really good company," said Clarence Coffey, David's father. "They served their country well in Iraq."

Clarence said it was a particularly great feeling seeing his son back for the first time.

"It was a feeling of relief that he wasn't hurt in any way, and of course, very proud of the job he did," said Clarence, who said he wants to go hunting with his son now that he's back.

"He'll keep using a gun, but he'll be doing it in a different way for a while,"

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977th MPs ready to go

By Pvt. Andrea E. Merritt
DISCOM

The 977th Military Police Company conducted evaluation exercises Dec. 4-8 that validated their readiness before deployment.

The 977th MPs will train members of the Iraqi police force to secure their local areas and train their fellow officers.

The MPs have trained how to contact Iraqi police stations and assess their skill level, said Sgt. 1st Class Nelson Johnson, the observer/controller for the exercises.

The company's Soldiers will train the Iraqis to react to improvised explosive devices and how to conduct patrols along main supply routes that generally contain a high volume of traffic.

Evaluation included patrol searches

During the evaluation exercises, the 977th MPs executed combat patrols to search for possible insurgents.

The Soldiers also trained on giving various classes, such as how to properly search a suspect, to Iraqi police officers.

To make the training more realistic, some Soldiers dressed as Iraqi policemen and did not speak English during the exercise. They had to talk through an interpreter.

The transition team members also trained to identify and supply the kinds of equipment the Iraqi police may need, such as concertina wire, sand bags, food and water.

The transition team also will check the general citizenry atti-

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Purse snatching prompts shopper warnings

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A detective with Fort Riley Investigations warns shoppers at the Post Commissary and Post Main Exchange to safeguard purses while shopping.

A woman has been arrested by Junction City police for stealing several purses at the commissary and other stores in Junction City over a period of weeks before Thanksgiving.

She allegedly used the cash and credit and debit cards found in the stolen purses to make purchases at stores other than where they were stolen, said Detective David

Rhodes.

Since her arrest, however, four more cases of purses stolen at the commissary have been reported, he said, and it is possible shoppers at the PX will be targeted.

Since the new rash of thefts, the commissary has been handing flyers to shoppers, giving tips on how to protect themselves from purse snatchers.

It also began a 100 percent identification check as people enter the store instead of requiring identification only when a person goes through a checkout lane.

Reports of stolen purses were received Dec. 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rhodes said. One of the purses reported stolen was found at Alco

in Junction City and another was found along a street in a Fort Riley housing area.

Rhodes said he believes these thefts are not crimes of opportunity. He thinks two or more persons are working together to distract a shopper so one of them can steal the purse.

The flyer advises shoppers that the usual method of snatching purses is for a thief to spot some body with a purse in the shopping cart.

The person then follows the shopper until some point when the shopper turns away from the cart to check produce, open a freezer door, or look for something on a shelf.

A person often does not realize her purse has been snatched until she goes through the checkout lane, the flyer points out.

To safeguard a purse or wallet, the flyer suggests:

- Anytime you are carrying a purse or wallet, always keep it close to your body and clutched tightly.

- If you carry a shoulder bag, do not just hang it from your shoulder. Instead, place the strap over your head so that it runs diagonally across your chest and back.

- Never leave a purse or wallet unattended in your grocery cart. If you place it in your cart, place it in the very back of the large bas-

ket portion of the cart, where it is difficult to reach.

- Never set down a purse or wallet and turn your back on it.

- Consider carrying a fanny pack around your waist instead of a purse.

Rhodes urges anyone who notices suspicious actions by anyone in the commissary or PX to get as much description of the person acting suspiciously, including appearance, clothes and vehicle.

He asks that no one try to interfere with the person. Instead, the observer should call Fort Riley Investigations at 239-0627 or the military police desk at 239-MPMP as soon as possible.





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Infantry Ball tickets offered through units

Tickets are on sale for the Fort Riley Infantry Ball scheduled Jan. 20 at the Junction City Marriott Convention Center.

Col. Rick Gibbs, commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, will host the first Infantry Ball held here in 10 years.

The event celebrates the "Big Red One's" return to Fort Riley and will farewell the 4th IBCT, which deploys to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom early in the new year.

The ball's keynote speaker will be retired Brig. Gen. David Grange, former 1st Inf. Div. commanding general.

Any Infantryman assigned to Fort Riley or any Soldier assigned to an Infantry unit is invited to attend. Tickets are \$25 each and will be on sale through Dec. 22.

Tickets may be purchased through the Infantry battalions and the 4th IBCT commander.



1st Inf. Div./Baack
Staff Sgt. William Manley, platoon sergeant, master gunner and flight instructor of Co. A, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., CAB, 1st Inf. Div., performs a check on an M-240H machine gun before firing it from a UH-60 Black Hawk.



1st Inf. Div./Baack
Staff Sgt. William Manley, platoon sergeant, master gunner and flight instructor of Co. A, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., CAB, 1st Inf. Div., fires an M-240H machine gun from a UH-60 Black Hawk hovering over the Smoky Hill training area during the battalion's door gunnery training Dec. 4-8.

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left and right sides of the aircraft and fired at an assortment of target tanks, trucks and enemy combatants at varying distances.

"The objective of today's training was to get the guys used to firing from the aircraft (with) the brand new weapon system we've got for when we go downrange – if we go," said Staff Sgt. William Manley, platoon sergeant, master gunner and flight instructor for the unit.

Though a master gunner, it was Manley's first time firing the M-240 from the aircraft. He qualified with the weapon from the ground about a week earlier.

"We've got some crew chiefs who are already experienced," Manley said. "They've been downrange; they've fired the 240s before."

"We've got a lot of brand new guys who've never gone ... it gives them a chance to come out here, get used to the weapon system before they actually have to go downrange and use it. It gets them familiarization. It gives them some experience and it gets them off-post."

"We come out here and we're having a little fun, but we're accomplishing the mission at the same time," Manley continued.

"It's huge," Dickerson said of the training. "If you can't defend yourself, then what good are you? And it boosts the confidence of the crews and the pilots out there, so it's very important."

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said Clarence with a laugh.

"I don't think it really sank in until we walked in here and saw all the family," David said. "I was still surrounded by a bunch of guys in camouflage, in formation, waiting for something. When we saw the family, I think that's when it hit for everybody. I know it did for me."

For most of the Soldiers who didn't have family or friends at the redeployment ceremony, there was Operation Welcome Home – the program headed by Kansas State University sororities to make the single Soldiers feel welcome, too.

"We really enjoyed doing it, and today's actually been the biggest [redeployment ceremony] that we've ever done," said Erin Garmin, K-State student and member of Alpha Delta Pi. "We just really enjoy seeing all the families that come out and do this and seeing all the friends and just to show the support to all the troops."

The students who participate in Operation Welcome Home work with unit family readiness groups to select single Soldiers by name, and then make signs and cookies for those Soldiers. Though the sorority members have been receiving help from the K-State baseball players, schedules conflicted this time around, Garmin said.

"We all just kind of do our part and get as many people out here as we can," she said.

"We had a couple of girls who were new today doing it, and they were just overwhelmed with how great it was – the decorations, just watching all the Soldiers come in and seeing all the reactions to having someone here welcoming them home," Garmin added. "They think it's just a wonderful thing."



1st Inf. Div./Baack

Family members cheer and hold up signs as their Soldiers walk through the back doors of Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill during the 300th MP Co. redeployment ceremony Dec. 5.

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tude in the local town to find out who is pro-Coalition or pro-insurgent.

"Overall, ... the 977th squad leaders are all strong and are prepared for their mission, at this point, to go down range and do what they need to do," Johnson said.

"They've got strong leadership from the top down. Their Soldiers are good and ready to accomplish their mission," he added.

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Trials find Soldiers guilty

Sgt. Dana Hall was tried at a general court-martial Dec. 5 and found guilty of indecent acts with a 15-year-old female.

An enlisted panel found him guilty and sentenced him to confinement for two months and reduction to private first class.

Pvt. Malcolm E. Armstrong was tried at a general court-martial Dec. 8 and found guilty of one specification of attempting to steal money, one specification of making a false official statement and one specification of identity theft.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for nine months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

EEO office moves

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office has moved to Building 211 on Custer Avenue on Main Post.

The office's phone numbers remain the same, 239-2595 and 239-3263.

Abuse program offers classes

The Fort Riley Army Substance Abuse Program conducts monthly classes for Soldiers in the rank of sergeant and above who have been selected by unit commanders to assist them as an ASAP subject matter expert.

During the certification process, Soldiers learn how to administer the Unit Biochemical Testing program, assist commanders in briefing new unit personnel regarding ASAP policies, procedures and services, and how to develop, manage and facilitate the ASAP prevention education program to their Soldiers.

Classes are scheduled Jan. 24-25, Feb. 21-22, March 21-22, April 25-26, May 23-24, and June 13-14.

The Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course has a rigorous two-day curriculum with a required final test to achieve UPL certification. The course will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each scheduled day at the Digital Training Facility in Building 7285.

For information on the Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course or how to enroll Soldiers for the class, call Clyde Sallee, Fort Riley UPL training coordinator, at 239-1928 or 239-4151.

Special Forces seeks officers

U.S. Army Special Forces is seeking male officer volunteers from Year Group '04. Officer packets will be accepted until Feb. 15, but early submission is strongly recommended.

For more information, go to <http://www.bragg.army.mil/specialforces/>.

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Foundation helps Soldiers in need

Society of the First Infantry Division forming Fort Riley chapter

By Sgt. Nicole Clarke
1st Inf. Div.

"My heart aches for my three young sons. Eric, the oldest who is four, one day will be told why his father did not return to us. He left and wanted to return so badly. They too will cry and their hearts will ache."

Mrs. Rudolph A. Nunez wrote that in a letter to the 1st Infantry Division commanding general, Maj. Gen. William E. DePuy, after learning that her husband, Sgt. Rudolph Nunez, had been killed June 13, 1966, while serving with the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol of the Big Red One in Vietnam.

DePuy sent her letter to all officers and men of the division, asking how they felt about establishing a fund to assist with the educational costs for children of Soldiers who fought and died with the Big Red One.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. Collections began immediately in Vietnam.

At the same time, DePuy challenged the Society of the First Infantry Division to establish the fund and begin collections among Big Red One veterans and friends of the division at home.

Thus the 1st Infantry Division Foundation was born.

The 1st Infantry Division Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of the Society of the First Infantry Division. The foundation handles scholarships, emergency grants and memorials, said Edward Burke, the society's executive director and secretary-treasurer.

Big Red One Society

The Society of the First Infantry Division is the official organization of veterans who have served in the 1st Infantry Division, "The Big Red One."

It represents more than one million veterans who have served in the 1st Inf. Div. in the nation's major conflicts, as well as those who have served during peacetime and the Cold War and in peacekeeping operations.

It is a non-profit, non-political association of former and present members of the 1st Inf. Div. formed in Montabaur, Germany, in 1919. In 1963, it was chartered as a non-profit corporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"The object of this Society shall be to promote social intercourse between persons who have served in the First Division during the past war; to do any and all things advisable for the good of the military service and the American people collectively and for any member of the society individually where consistent with the principle object, 'the good of the military service and the American people.'"

For more information about becoming a member, scholarships, grants or memorials, visit the society's Web site at www.bigredone.org or contact the Fort Riley Chapter, Society of the First Infantry Division, 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., Fort Riley, KS 66442 or (785) 239-4010.

The foundation offers two main scholarships, the DePuy and the Huebner/Zimmerman Scholarships.

The DePuy Scholarships, named for Maj. Gen. William E. DePuy, the 1st Inf. Div. commanding general who started the program during the Vietnam War, are provided for children of Soldiers killed while serving in combat with the division and in peacetime training accidents.

The Huebner/Zimmerman Scholarships are competitive scholarships for children and grandchildren of former members of the division.

The Huebner/Zimmerman Scholarships are named for Lt. Gen. Clarence L. Huebner, who

commanded the "Big Red One" during World War II and Pius and Ada Zimmerman, father and sister of Sarah Zimmerman, a friend of the 1st Inf. Div.

The foundation also provides emergency assistance grants, called McCormick Grants, to Soldiers serving in the 1st Inf. Div. and their families when confronted with emergency financial needs that cannot be met through the usual forms of assistance available to them.

Col. Robert R. McCormick served in and commanded the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, during World War I. He later founded the Chicago Tribune publishing company. Upon his death, he left the McCormick Tribune Founda-

tion, a trust that supports these and many other charitable grants.

The foundation also is responsible for the First Division Monument in Washington, D.C. It takes care of certain maintenance costs that cannot be borne by the National Park Service, such as changes to the name plaques on the monument.

Burke said the First Division Monument is "unique in that every (fallen) Soldier's name is engraved in the monument from World War I through Desert Storm. Once OIF and OEF are complete, the names of the division's fallen Soldiers from those wars will be added."

Maintaining the society's membership level is always a

struggle, Burke said.

Maj. Mike James, secretary of the general staff at Fort Riley, has been a member for four years. He decided to become a member while commanding a unit in Germany.

"I had a Soldier that had an undetermined serious illness and was in a German hospital," James said.

"The society paid to fly his mother and father over from the United States. Quite frankly ... I don't think I had even heard of the society before that. After that, I said, 'Hey, look, this is definitely an organization we need to be part of.'"

James now serves as the liaison officer between the 1st Inf. Div. and the society.

"For me, one of the biggest benefits of membership is if you are killed in a training accident or while deployed there is a fairly sizeable scholarship that the association gives to your dependants," James said.

The BRO Society is setting up a local chapter, James said. The chapter is open to anybody in the military or formerly in the military or if they just want to support the military, he said.

"The society is one of the organizations that supports the 1st Inf. Div. directly," James said. "The scholarships and the assistance that they provide the Soldiers who need assistance personally I think is invaluable."

Editors Note: Some of the information for this story is from the Society of the 1st Infantry Division Web site, www.bigredone.org.

Financial readiness equals mission readiness

By Sgt. Sara Wood
AFPS

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Servicemembers and their families need to learn the importance of financial management and smart saving practices, so the Department of Defense is focusing its efforts to ensure troops are prepared for the future, a senior DoD official said Oct. 18.

"One of the most important aspects of our responsibility at DoD is to help military families with their quality of life and with the programs and activities that will help them have the full and successful lives that we think the military offers," said Leslye Arshi, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

"We've worked hard to put together a comprehensive program of financial assistance and guidance to help military families move toward a culture of saving and planning for the future."

One of the initiatives DoD is pursuing is a program called Military Saves. This program is under America Saves, a nationwide campaign in which a broad coalition of nonprofit, corporate and government groups help individuals and families save and build wealth.

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According to Arshi, the idea behind Military Saves is to encourage military families, particularly young families, to start saving early for retirement and to build a financial safety cushion to use in case of emergencies. Having this cushion will prevent families from seeking short-term loans, which often come with high interest rates.

"The military pay system makes it really easy for you to do these allocations in your paycheck," she said. "These small amounts of money — \$10, \$20 a month — actually adds up to quite a bit when you save on a regular basis."

Another program DoD recently launched is Moneywise in the Military, a traveling conference done in partnership with the Public Broadcasting Service television network that addresses topics such as staying out of debt, bankruptcy, home ownership, saving and insurance. The first of these conferences was held Sept. 30 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and was hosted by Kelvin Boston, host of the PBS television

series, "Moneywise."

Moneywise in the Military proved to be popular in its first conference, drawing 200 people on a Saturday afternoon, Arshi said. Boston is a popular television personality who directs his regular programming to middle- and low-income Americans, but has adapted it for military families, she said.

"We see these as very popular activities for every age group, but we think they're especially important for our young members and their families," she said.

Moneywise in the Military will travel to five installations around the country, and possibly to more locations as DoD develops its relationship with PBS, Arshi said.

DoD has developed partner-

ships with nonprofit financial planners and organizations that work through family centers, providing counseling and help to military members in financial trouble, Arshi said. DoD leaders also encourage servicemembers to use financial institutions on military bases, which offer short-term loans with low interest rates, she said.

"Financial readiness is equivalent to mission readiness. We have records and a history that show if you are worried about your finances, you're not going to be as ready or as focused on the mission," she said. "So we want to help families address these issues before they become a crisis. We want to really encourage them to make these sounder financial

choices."

Most military families get into trouble when small emergencies come along, and they're already stretched thin financially. DoD's financial readiness campaign aims to teach servicemembers how to save and plan for these emergencies, so they're prepared and ready to do their jobs, she said.

"Because we see financial stability and financial readiness as equating with mission readiness, it's really important to DoD to be able to help our families make good choices, and to start this culture of saving that will keep them from getting into the debt cycle," she said.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What do you like most about the Christmas holiday season?



"Block leave. I plan to spend the holidays with family and to relax. I saw them during summer block leave, too."

Spc. Chris Ferris
Infantryman
C Troop, 1st Bn., 4th Cav.
Hometown: Trinity, N.C.



"It brings everybody's spirit up, fills them with a good mood. You eat a lot of good food, can go home and spend time with family. I really like the lights and the music. They make me feel good."

Pvt. Matthew Powell
Truck driver
Co. A, 610th BSB
Hometown: South Hill, Va.



"Spending time with family and friends. That's all."

Staff Sgt. Robert Rogers
Petroleum supply specialist
3rd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt.
Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.



"It brings people together. It's one of the few times of the year, if you don't like somebody, you kind of let that slide."

Sgt. Adam Schaefer
Team leader
977th MP Company
Hometown: Parma, Ohio



"Spending time with family and celebrating the real reason for the season."

Katrina Ward
DA employee
at Fort Riley
Hometown: Cordele, Ga.

Letters to the editor:

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By Chap. Thomas L. Day
Installation Chaplain

Hannukah is a holiday that celebrates a miracle that has encouraged the Jewish people for more than 2000 years. The word Hanukkah is Hebrew for dedication. This year it is celebrated Dec. 16-23.

This article includes information I received from a fellow chaplain, Chap. (Capt.) Avrohom Horowitz. Out of reverence, Jewish custom dictates that the letter "o" not appear in references to the Deity in periodicals. It appears as "G-d."

In the year 165, Before the Common Era, the Syrian-Greeks had desecrated the Holy Temple by placing idols in the sanctuary.



Chap. (Col.) Thomas Day

Yehudah the Maccabee led a small group of G-d fearing fighters who fought for three years to expel the Syrian-Greeks from the Temple environs in Jerusalem.

Next, they rededicated the Holy Temple and found only one flask of pure olive oil. That was enough to kindle the Menorah (Hebrew for candelabra) for one day. A miracle happened; the oil lasted eight days until new olive oil could be

produced. The miracle of the oil showed that all of the preceding wonders on the battlefield were intended as a prelude to make possible the resumption of the Temple service to G-d.

In grateful remembrance of all the miracles of the war and the Menorah, Hanukkah was set aside as a time of praise and thanksgiving to G-d.

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This Festival of Lights lasts eight days. Starting the first evening, one candle is lit, and each evening an extra light is added to symbolize dedication to G-d.

The light of the Menorah is a symbol of the light of G-d. As it says in Psalm 27: "By David, G-d is my light and my salvation

whom shall I fear?" Hanukkah, which is in the middle of the winter when the days are cold and the nights are long, symbolizes the spiritual light of G-d that is protecting the world.

During Hanukkah, members of the Manhattan Jewish congregation will join in candle lighting, prayers and songs of the season.

They also will join in a game called Dreidel. It's a spinning "top" that has four Hebrew letters, an acronym for a Great Miracle Happened There.

This game symbolizes that G-d is spinning the world from above. In other words, G-d controls nature.

May G-d bless us all with a happy and healthy holiday season, Amen.

Matters of faith

Hannukah time of praise, thanksgiving

Thoughts on safety

Beware of candles, chimneys, ladders

Editor's note: This is the second article provided by a member of the Installation Safety Office concerning holiday safety. Last week's article covered Christmas tree safety.

By Alex Bender
Installation Safety Office

*"T*was the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney without care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The tree, lights and wreaths all looked very nice. When putting them up, safety was not thought of twice. With mother in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long night's nap. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see a fireman with a ladder. Our house was on fire, the alarm was no joke. When I forgot safety, Christmas went up in smoke.

Candle safety can be a hot topic. Never use candles to decorate a Christmas tree. Keep candles away from decorations or other combustible materials.

Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits.

Do not leave children unattended in a room with lit candles. Keep candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Before Santa slides down the chimney, make sure your fireplace is safe. Chimneys and vents should be inspected and cleaned annually by a professional chimney sweep. Burning Christmas tree branches or gift-wrapping paper in a fireplace is a bad idea – and unsafe. Using a fireplace screen will keep sparks from igniting combustible materials in the room.

Every year, people are injured when they fall off a ladder while hanging decorations in hard-to-reach places. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer five rules of ladder safety to help prevent these accidents. These rules are:

Select a ladder that is the correct size for the job and is certified by the U.I. and the American National Standards Institute. Before using it, inspect the ladder for any defects that could render it unsafe.

Set the ladder up with care. Stepladders should be opened fully with the spreaders locked. Straight ladders should be placed at a four-to-one ratio, meaning the base of the ladder should be one foot away from the wall or other vertical surface for every

four feet of height to the point of support.

If you climb on top of a roof or platform from a ladder, be sure the ladder extends at least three feet above the top edge of the roof.

Climb and descend a ladder cautiously, facing the rungs. Use common sense when working on a ladder. Maintain your balance, hold on with one hand and never climb too high.

Common sense and keeping safety in mind can go a long way toward preventing a holiday tragedy. Following these safety tips will help make Christmas merry.

For more safety information, visit the Installation Safety Office Web site at www.riley.army.mil/services/fort/safety.asp. The Installation Safety Office also can be reached at 239-2514.

Grunt By Wayne Uden



Pen Points

Change coming

We're about to breach into the new year, and it's about time. We've been marching toward 2007 for 349 days, as of this issue.

Readers will notice a significant change for the Post in 2007. Instead of coming out on Fridays for most of the year, the Post will publish on Thursdays.

The change in delivery was made to avoid holiday confusion and hassles.

In the past, the Post advanced its publication date to Thursday every time a federal holiday and training holiday created a four-day weekend.

We did that so military families could get their weekly newspaper before leaving on a long weekend. No sense in having a newspaper lying in the driveway all weekend and perhaps getting

soaked from rain or snow and just get thrown away when readers returned home.

The fluctuating publication date also created some production woes that brought grumbles from the editorial and advertising staffs.

Now, production routines will remain constant throughout the year, easing planning and eliminating confusion.

Another advantage is that some events happening on Thursdays, Fridays or on the weekend can be accommodated more easily and appear in next week's newspaper instead of sometimes having to wait two weeks before getting printed.

As always, reader comments about the Post and how it serves you are welcome. (See info at left).



Mike Heronemus

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'Black Lion' Rangers: Training improved leader skills

By Pfc. Nathaniel Smith
4 IBCT Public Affairs

For two 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, Black Lions, getting a jump start on their Army careers wasn't an easy one, but it paid huge dividends.

Cpls. Cleveland Upton of Company A and Richard Smith of Headquarters and Headquarters

Company expected to climb quickly through the ranks.

Despite being a junior noncommissioned officer for just five months, Upton said he feels he already has gained valuable leadership experience.

In a year-and-a-half, he is expected to have jump from private first class to sergeant.

It's easy to see out how these Soldiers have accomplished so

much with just a glance at their shoulders: they are graduates of the U.S. Army Ranger School. The tabs on their shoulders attest to that.

When Upton arrived for duty with the Black Lions, his leaders were looking for volunteers to become Rangers.

Ten Soldiers volunteered. Upton, a private first class at the time, was one of two who passed

the tryouts just to attend the prestigious training.

To try out, an aspiring Ranger must successfully complete a 5-mile run, 2 1/2-mile buddy run, a swim test, a land navigation course and the Army Physical Fitness Test within a one-week period called Ranger Assessment Phase.

This phase takes place at the Soldier's duty station.

While Upton, who graduated from the school in July, has never been deployed, he said he felt the tactics learned and leadership gained at the school would be of benefit to himself and his unit.

School gives skills to lead by example

"The Ranger School is the premier leadership school in the Army," Upton said.

"The leadership (skills) one can bring back can help out a lot in Iraq," he added.

Smith said he felt his training at the school could help him lead his team by example.

"It helps because I can share what I learned," Smith said. "They can watch how I deal with

stress, and they can learn how to deal with stress."

Smith said that while the school is perceived to be a tactical school, it is, in fact, a leadership building course.

"It is the best thing anybody can do for themselves," he said, "especially infantrymen."

While the two-month school is a place where Soldiers can expect an average of two hours of sleep a night with just two meals a day, many Soldiers want to be Rangers.

Upton offered the following advice for those Soldiers who want to attend the school instead of just dreaming of it:

"Keep your head up," he said. "It's not easy, but there's a big payoff in the end."

Kansas files lawsuit against ALS Online

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

On May 12, the Fort Riley Post ran the story "Online education: Good deal or not?" about a Colorado-based company, ALS Online, which was banned from soliciting its online study materials on post.

While a consolidated complaint from the Fort Riley Office of the Staff Judge Advocate described the business practices of ALS Online as "deceptive and unethical," Mark Jones, ALS Online founder and president, maintained in an interview that his company was nothing of the

sort.

Fort Riley Soldier's and spouses who filed complaints with SJA against ALS Online received a letter from the office of the Kansas attorney general in October informing them that a lawsuit had been filed against the company.

"A review of the facts and the law caused the Consumer Protection Division to seek the Attorney General's approval to bring an enforcement action against ALS Online, Inc.," the letter stated. "After a briefing on the nature of the complaints, including your own, Attorney General Phil Kline approved the filing of a civil action against ALS Online, Inc

alleging deceptive and unconscionable acts."

With the public interest in mind, the attorney general's office has the authority to bring litigation against any supplier that it believes is violating or has violated the Kansas Consumer Protection Act's prohibition against deceptive or unconscionable practices.

The lawsuit filed Oct. 18 in Shawnee County District Court claims the defendant, ALS Online, failed to provide consumers with the verbal notice of their three-day right to cancel at the time of the presentation, failed to provide contracts which includ-

ed the notice to Kansas consumers as part of the sale of the education program and made statements to the consumer at the time of contracting which had the potential to mislead or misrepresent the nature of the consumer's right to elect to cancel within the three days.

In the lawsuit, the attorney general asks that the defendant pay restitution to all Kansas consumers who were party to the contracts, pay reasonable investigative fees and expenses, pay \$10,000 in civil penalties for each violation and pay all court costs.

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The 1st Inf. Div. Band's primary mission is to play music in a variety of situations in order to improve Soldier morale. One such event was the holiday concert planned at McCain Auditorium Dec. 15. Free tickets were given to post residents wanting them.

1st Inf. Div./Baack



Sgt. Freddie Valenzuela practices playing his euphonium with the 1st Inf. Div. Band. He also is operations NCO.

Bandsmen play, but that's not all

By **Spec. Stephen Baack**

1st Inf. Div.

First Infantry Division band members play musical instruments, of course, but that isn't all they do. They must master basic Soldier skills like any infantryman. They also serve as support personnel for their company, like any supply sergeant or administrative specialist.

The band's primary mission is playing music, but that doesn't mean the musicians spend every minute of the day practicing to play.

"There is no typical day in the band," said Chief Warrant Officer Scott MacDonald, commander and bandmaster of the 1st ID band. "There's no typical week. Our days are usually pretty long and very regimented, depending on what we have scheduled."

"A lot of people think the band is like the fire department," MacDonald continued. "We're just sitting around up here waiting for someone to hit the alarm and say, 'We've got a ceremony. Call the band.' That's far from the truth."

Most of the band's time is spent training for their next commitment, because every mission is different, MacDonald said. Missions vary by season, audience and occasion. The band plays at changes of command, unit activations and inactivations, for holiday concerts and community relations events, and even for dignitaries and while deployed.

Earlier this year, band members performed a variety of music during Kansas State University's Fort Riley Day at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Less than a month before, they played at the Soldier Salute on Poyntz in Manhattan.

During the division's deployment from 2004 to 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, the band's mission of performing mission to support morale and esprit did not waver.

"The band played in every [Forward Operating Base] in the division footprint when we were downrange," MacDonald said. "In addition, there were some band members who went on convoy

duty and did guard duty at guard towers ... but that's not our primary responsibility. Even (when) deployed, we play music. Unless the conflict reaches such intensity that we're no longer able to do that, our mission continues even while deployed."

"I think it's very important," said band 1st Sgt. Allen Freeman about the mission. "I've played concerts in places like Korea at Christmas, where it was very evident that we were a very big impact on morale."

"I personally did not deploy with this band to Iraq, but I've heard stories from other people in the division that they did a wonderful job with the rock combo and other groups, enhancing the morale of the troops ... as I understand, that did an awful lot to enhance morale," he said.

The smaller part of the band's musical training is sustainment training. This is, however, considered as important as their primary mission training, because band members regard their musical ability as a very perishable skill.

Despite this, the band exists as a mostly self-sustaining organization. Though an Army band's definitive mission is to promote the morale and esprit of the Army and its Soldiers through music,

the band is a separate company, providing its own operations, security, supply and administrative support.

"My supply sergeant is a trombone player," MacDonald said. "My admin sergeant is a saxophone player, but they have to know all these other jobs as well. Everyone in the band has secondary, and sometimes, a tertiary responsibility in addition to a primary [military occupational specialty]."

"We have to wear many hats," said Staff Sgt. Keith Cassant, saxophonist, drum major and operations noncommissioned-officer-in-charge.

"We have to be self-sustaining. Unlike other units, we don't have admin people attached to us. I've held jobs in a [personnel] shop doing promotions, re-enlistments and awards," he explained.

Band members learn these added tasks without formal training; but by the time they are staff sergeants and above, they really know what they are doing, Freeman said. With performing music, technical training and internal support comes arguably the most important aspect: Soldiering skills.

"We do so much more than what people realize," Cassant

said. "A lot of people probably don't even realize we do weapons qualifications, Army physical fitness tests and [common task training]. We're Soldiers as well."

All of this together can be a tricky balance for band members.

"I love what I've been able to learn in these additional duties we get assigned; but it certainly cuts into fulfilling the musical mission, because we need to practice," Cassant said. "Music is definitely a perishable skill. It's a fine balance of getting your office work done and practicing and rehearsing with larger groups. It's a very fine balance we have to maintain here, especially with the Soldier duties as well."

While there is no typical day or week, Freeman said the more common activities among band members during any given day include physical training in the morning, squad leader or platoon

sergeant time for mentoring and counseling, any training the division requires, concert-band rehearsal, small group rehearsal, administrative time and, on Thursdays, Sergeant's Time training.

Soldiers within the band have the same MOS regardless of instrument, but their additional skill identifier separates them by instrument. In addition, Soldiers come into the musical branch of the Army having a varying level of experience and skill. Yet, these variations are not considered discrepancies and are irrelevant as far as rank is concerned, Freeman said.

"We operate the same as any other unit," he said. "A staff sergeant is a staff sergeant and the responsibilities inherent in that grade are the responsibilities that they take on ... just the same as if you go to a motor pool some-

where. There are mechanics who are specialists with phenomenal skills in one area and maybe a staff sergeant with phenomenal skills in another area. It would be the same as any other unit."

"We have a lot of different ability levels within the band," MacDonald said. "We have some people who have come into the Army right out of high school. We have some people who come with advanced degrees, master's degrees and I've known a couple people with PhDs in music and have been enlisted members in the band. We have such a great variety."

"It's never really a problem putting all that together," MacDonald added. "Everything we do is based on teamwork, because that's what you have to do musically ... you can't have one part of the team drop out or the music might fall apart."

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'Biker' braves cold to enjoy trips to job, home

Vintage Russian motorcycle keeps civilian employee riding when others park 'bikes'

By Alison Kohler

Asst. Com. Rel. Officer

While most motorcyclists like to roar down the road with the wind blowing through their hair, one Fort Riley enthusiast enjoys a quieter, slower ride.

"These motorcycles were made for the battlefield and Russian roads, so it's best to ride at about 35 to 45 miles per hour," said Russ Heath, civilian employee at the Central Tasking Office.

"The older motorcycles appeal to me for the simplicity. It harkens back to a time when things were slower and simpler overall,"

Heath said.

Heath rides his vintage Dnepr (pronounced nyep-er) MT11 motorcycle with sidecar from his Manhattan home to work at Fort Riley even when cold weather keeps other riders off their bikes.

"I've ridden it when it was 18 (degrees). In past years, I've ridden it when it was down to four degrees. I can't seem to find gloves that keep my hands warm, though," Heath admitted.

After riding his motorcycle around Bldg. 500 where he works, he began to ease it backward into his parking spot. "You've got to see this," he said.

Instead of placing his feet on

the ground and guiding the motorcycle backward as most riders do, Heath kicked it into reverse and backed into the parking space.

"There are only a couple in the world that have reverse," he said.

Heath said he has owned and ridden motorcycles for 25 years. He found the Dnepr in Kansas City and has owned it for about two years.

"It didn't look anything like this. I partially restored it. There's a saying, and it's something like 'I own a Dnepr; therefore I'm a mechanic.' I'm learning as I go," Heath said.

Sidecar proves to be useful

The Dnepr has a sidecar, which Heath said he has found useful.

"What's neat about the sidecar is you can put a person in the sidecar, your dog or camping gear," he said and added that he has used the sidecar for all three purposes. "I have a white Schnauzer named Silver. He's got goggles. He likes the wind in his face," Heath said. Heath said he does not know



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Russ Heath, a civilian employee in the Central Tasking Office at post headquarters, turns a corner while riding his vintage Russian motorcycle, a Dnepr. The best speed for the motorcycle, designed for the battlefield, is 35 to 45 mph, he said, so he usually takes sparsely traveled roads to work and back.

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Santa to pose for photographs

Pictures with Santa will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Post Thrift Shop. Cost for pictures will be \$2.

The Thrift Shop also will be having a sale on select items. For more information contact the Post Thrift Shop at 784-3874.

Schools sending impact aid forms

Parents of students in Geary County Unified School District 475 will be receiving Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms the district sent out Dec. 12. Forms were sent home with elementary and middle school students. Forms for high school students were mailed.

The forms must be filled out by parents who have students attending public schools in Junction City, Fort Riley, Milford and Grandview Plaza. Parents are asked to complete, sign and return the forms as soon as possible.

The purpose of the Federal Impact Aid Survey Form is to provide an official verification and record of all students whose parents are federally connected. The forms are an important part of the district's financial support because about 50 percent of the students in USD 475 have parents on active duty status at Fort Riley.

Red Cross explores interest

Fort Riley's American Red Cross office is exploring whether military teens would be interested in starting a year-round Red Cross Youth Club. A meeting to judge interest is planned from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Relocation Room at the Soldier and Family Support Center on Custer Hill.

Interested teens should enter through the north door and follow directional signs to the meeting. Teens also can contact Annie Plaskett on Wednesday mornings or other staffers at the Red Cross office on post by calling 239-1887 to sign up or for more information.

Commissary sets holiday hours

Pre-Christmas, Dec. 18 – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Christmas Day – Closed
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
New Year's Day – Closed

Child car seat checks offered

Anyone wanting a child's car seat checked by a safety expert should call 239-2514 to make an appointment. Appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Building 407, Pershing Court.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Brushing up



Spc. Jonathan LeBlanc, DENTAC, shows students the proper way to brush their teeth in the mouth station Dec. 6 during the Body Walk at Morris Hill Elementary School.



Jean Rafalko (left) squirts anti-bacterial hand gel on students' hands before they grab a snack and head back to class after participating in the Body Walk Dec. 6 at Morris Hill Elementary School.

Students get dose of fun, learning during Body Walk

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

A giant head positioned inside the door greeted students walking into the school gymnasium at Morris Hill Elementary School for breakfast Dec. 6.

Throughout the morning, each class had a chance to walk through one ear and out the other of the giant tent-like head, the first stop of an educational Body Walk journey through the human body.

The Body Walk, a 35-foot by 40-foot enclosed walk-through exhibit representing the human body, is provided to schools by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The project that "helps kids think about nutrition and good practices to have a

healthy body" is in high demand, said Morris Hill Principal Greg Lumb. The school actually applied to have it last year and was put on a waiting list. This year, the students had the opportunity to experience the program.

The enthusiasm generated by the student's first glimpse of the activity at breakfast lasted throughout the morning, Lumb said.

After their trip through the brain, mouth, stomach, small intestines, heart, lungs, bones, muscles and skin, Karen Thompson's 2nd grade class walked out a "cut" in the skin to review what they'd learned. Walking down a red-walled corridor covered with posters, a volunteer stopped at each section reviewing the dif-

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Guide offers adoption advice

Practices help minimize military family obstacles

Special to the Post

WASHINGTON – The Department of Health and Human Services announced Nov. 28 the publication of "Wherever My Family Is: That's Home! Adoption Services for Military Families."

The guide highlights adoption practices that can help minimize the obstacles military families face when attempting to become foster or adoptive parents.

"Military families have many strengths, including flexibility and a strong sense of community, that make them good foster and adoptive parents," said HHS Assistant Secretary for Children and Families Wade F. Horn, Ph.D. "I am confident that this new guide will help state agencies work effectively with military personnel to assure that all families who want to give a child a loving home can do so."

The guide is simple to read and user-friendly. It is designed for social work practitioners and military families contemplating adoption or foster parenting. It is sprinkled with stories of real military families who have adopted children.

"The Department of Defense greatly appreciates the efforts HHS has put into developing an adoption guide for military parents," said Barbara Thompson, director, Office of Family Policy. "This guide supports the professionals dedicated to supporting military families as they navigate the requirements to fulfill their dreams of adopting children. The strengths of military families are

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Helping children after deployment

By Dorinda Williams
Zero to 3

A deployment reunion can be a time of great joy and great uncertainty. It took months during the deployment for the family to fall into a new rhythm. Roles were established, expectations set and routines fell into place. As the active duty parent returns to the family, all this will have to be renegotiated.

Change, even as positive as a loved one's return, can be stressful, but adults have a lifetime of experiences and skills to help you deal with the post-deployment transition. Their children, on the other hand, are relying on their parents to help guide them through this adjustment.

Here are a few tips to help you help them.

It is for humor. Try to keep your sense of humor through the coming weeks. Laugh when things don't go exactly as planned. Laugh when your spouse gets that "deer in the headlights" look when taking in all of the family's changes since leaving.

Laugh (and, OK, possibly cry) when your baby is up during the night again. Laugh at all those moments that, at the time, seem less than amusing. This, too, shall pass. Until then, pack up



More information:

ZERO TO THREE's mission is to support the healthy development and well-being of infants, toddlers and their families. For more information on ways to support you and your young children, visit www.zerotothree.org/military on the Web.

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the family, head to a park and enjoy having everyone together again.

For a young baby, this may be the first time she is meeting her active duty parent. She might pick up on the tension as the returning parent deals with new parent jitters. She might scream and protest every time she's picked up.

A 2-year old might become more aggressive at daycare, acting out her distress over all the changes at home. An older toddler might wonder how his relationship with his remaining parent will be affected now that his deployed parent has returned.

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Season of giving

Mia Robus from the Warren Road Child Development Center has her hands full with a donation of canned goods to the CDC's food drive being conducted through Jan. 5. The CDC also is collecting children's socks, hats, scarves and mittens from parents to donate to local charities in Junction City. Parents from two preschool modules are buying holiday presents for a nursing home and organizing donations for Fort Riley's Operation Santa Claus. Contributions are welcome from the public. For more information, call 239-9935.





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Take time out to "listen" to your babies and toddlers, remembering that young children cannot express themselves the same way adults can. Acting out is often their only way of expressing that something is wrong.

Accept their feelings, even if you don't accept their behavior. Encourage them to use their words. You should also label their feelings if they are unable to do so themselves.

For example, you might say, "I know you feel very confused by all the changes. It's not OK to push your friends, even when you're upset. When you feel that way, use your words and talk to us. We all love you and want to help you feel better."

L is for learning. This is your chance to become an expert in early child development. Don't waste time and energy getting children to do what they are not yet ready to do. It's easy to become frustrated.

When you better understand your child's developmental stage, you better understand what to expect of them. Read books from the library. Explore the Zero to Three Web site (www.zero-tothree.org) for information on child development.

Attend a free parenting class or request a home visitor through the New Parent Support Program or Parents as Teachers. Encourage your spouse to do the same.

Some developmental phases can take on new meaning during reunification. Separation anxiety, the stress babies feel with the primary caregiver's absence, can begin around six months and continue, off and on, throughout the early years.

Stranger anxiety, fear of anyone but the primary caregiver, may occur as well. It is natural that, after a significant separation, a baby may be cautious of the returning parent and need time to get reacquainted.

Potty-learning is another milestone that may be complicated during a major change. A toddler can regress to earlier behavior during stressful times. Potty learning might just go out the window during a post-deployment reunion. If you have any concern over this or other behavioral changes, contact your child's pediatrician.

Remember, developmental phases overlap and each child is different. While it is important to be aware of general developmental stages, it is just as important to be in tune with your child and to respond sensitively to his or her individual needs.

P is for patience. It takes time for families to create new post-deployment routines and for members to really feel like they're back on track.

The returning parent may or may not be anxious to step back into the parenting role. Some parents are overly eager and may need to go at a slower pace.

Young children need time to adjust. Going to the park, reading a bedtime book, singing a lullaby or playing with building blocks are some ways the active duty parent can spend quality time with the child while rebuilding that special bond.

On the other hand, some returning parents may feel uncomfortable taking on caregiver responsibilities. They may be meeting their child for the first time and feel uneasy. They may be having difficulty transitioning to being home again.

This can be frustrating for the parent who has shouldered the responsibilities and is looking for a well-deserved break. It is important that family members talk about their expectations and concerns and seek additional support when needed.

Parents who have gone through combat deployments may experience reactions such as unwanted thoughts about a traumatic event; sleep difficulties; feeling jump or being easily startled; feeling irritable or feeling emotionally numb. These reactions can complicate the reunion and increase stress in the home for everyone, including the youngest children.

Families are encouraged to seek professional assistance when needed. The Fort Riley Army Community Service - (785) 239-9435 - can provide counseling and referrals to help families deal with this additional challenge.



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ferent areas with the kids.

When asked what their favorite part was, the overwhelming answer seemed to be the muscles, but Johnnie Jones said the mouth was his favorite area of the exhibit.

"He showed us nasty stuff on your gums," Jones said about the demonstration given by Dental Activity Spc. Jonathan LeBlanc. The plaque infested hinged mouth

model made him want to brush his teeth more, Jones said emphatically.

Kaitlyn Armstrong and Vanessa Terlosky agreed their favorite section was learning about the heart.

"The heart is big like your fist," Armstrong recalled about what the group learned during that five-minute portion of the walk.

The lesson first-grader April

Landon took away from the educational exhibit was that it is important to protect the skin from sunburn by wearing sunscreen.

"They really enjoyed it," said Jean Rafalko, a special education teacher and volunteer coordinator for the day. "It's a fun way for the kids to learn. They might not even realize they're learning something."

This was the first time Rafalko

experienced the Body Walk.

She said she thought it was a wonderful experience and something that the kids could take home and tell their parents and siblings about.

For more information about the Body Walk, visit www.body-walk.org.

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Read for Life

Masked USD 475 Superintendent Ronald Walker reads "The Frog Principal" to Stephanie Bogenhagen's kindergarten class and Rebecca Pashee's third grade class Dec. 8 at Ware Elementary School during Read for 2007: Read for Life. The story focuses on the school principal, Mr. Bundy, who is accidentally turned into a frog by a magician and his adventures trying to regain his true form. As part of the Scholastic Read for Life program, millions of students around the world read Dec. 8 for 2007 seconds, or 33 1/2 minutes and made a commitment to read throughout the new year.

Adoption

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recognized, and helping others understand those strengths will overcome many of the hurdles faced by families who relocate and live across the world."

Prepared by a team including representatives of the HHS Children's Bureau, The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids, The Adoption

Exchange, Inc., McKenzie Consulting, Inc., the National Military Family Association and the American Public Human Services Association, the guide was unveiled at a ceremony commemorating National Adoption Month and honoring the winners of the HHS Adoption Excellence

Awards.

Copies of the guide may be obtained by calling (888) 200-4005. It also is available online at <http://www.adoptuskids.org/images/resourceCenter/militaryGuide.pdf>.

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Middle school students learn leadership skills at conference

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

If middle school students are expected to take part in clubs and organizations, they need to be taught the skills to do so, said Karin Glosenger, language arts teacher and student senate sponsor at Fort Riley Middle School.

After finding out that there aren't many opportunities for middle school students to learn leadership skills, Glosenger and other Fort Riley Middle School employees collaborated with Cloud County Community College to offer the first Fort Riley Middle School Leadership Conference Dec. 8.

"I don't think it's fair to ask a kid to write a research paper if you've never taught them how to research," Glosenger said. "And, by the same token in middle school, very often, we ask them to lead but we don't tell them what leadership is. We just assume they'll magically figure it out. You know, throw them in the water, they'll learn to swim; and it doesn't work."

The 27 participants from clubs and organizations at the school gathered in the cafeteria to learn how to lead. The conference started with a presentation by Pete Pellegrin, the lead humanities instructor at CCCC.

Pellegrin asked the students to write down five qualities they thought a good leader should possess and then shared with them a list of 10, such as self-knowledge,

curiosity, an eagerness to learn and an open style.

After the keynote presentation, the students divided into groups for the rest of the evening.

"We brainstormed, as advisors, a list of something like 17 to 20 things that we would love to be taught to our kids to be leaders," Glosenger said. From there, the CCCC staff came up with nine sessions to teach the kids about leadership.

Carl Brown, a CCCC instructor, spoke to students on how their student organizations are like a business. Another instructor, Shelley Swenson, helped the kids learn how to lead meetings by having them organize the sections of a meeting on poster board and include which meeting items fit best in each section.

During the second breakout session, Lisa Springer, a CCCC student and Fort Riley Middle School paraprofessional, spoke to the students about school spirit. It's OK to be different, Springer told the students from the front of a classroom where she sat, her hair glistening with blue glitter paint.

Springer encouraged the students to take the lead in promoting school spirit by dressing up during spirit weeks and encouraging their friends to do the same. "Sometimes you have to get out of your comfort zone," she told the group.

In the cafeteria, a group of students stood around staring at a 5 by 10 grid of colored construction



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Shelley Swenson (left), director, and Jeanette Gregory, coordinator of Student Services at the CCCC's Geary County Campus, teach students how to organize a meeting during one of the breakout sessions at the FRMS Leadership Conference Dec. 8.

paper taped to the floor. Their goal was to find the path that would lead them to the other side.

"It's a leadership thing where you follow the squares and then there had to be a leader who takes charge," explained seventh-grader Clayton Vermeesch. "Then a person gets blindfolded, which it happened to be me. I fell a couple times, but we got through it and we won."

The kids had a certain amount of time for everyone to make it to the other side of the colored grid. They couldn't talk while on the squares and could only use each square once. About half way through the activity Vermeesch found himself blindfolded and

reliant on his classmates to lead him through.

"It felt kind of weird but kind of good at the same time, because I had to trust in classmates to lead me through," he said of his darkened trip across the floor. They finished with one minute left to spare.

Vermeesch said the activity taught the students leadership in many ways.

"One is how to follow the person, and how to be trustworthy, and how to be able to trust your partner. Another is to just take the lead, really, and know what you're doing and to pay attention and like what Professor Pete (Pellegrin) said is to concentrate on what you're doing and not give



Seventh-grader Clayton Vermeesch tries to make his way across a grid of colored construction paper Dec. 8 during the Fort Riley Middle School Leadership Conference. The students had to find the correct path across the grid without talking to the person on the path.

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up."

Although the conference this year was limited to Fort Riley Middle School students, the organizers hope to expand it in the future and offer something each semester, eventually inviting other area schools to join. The earlier the kids start learning leadership skills the better, said CCCC Student Services Specialist Jennifer Zabokrtsky.

"They're really just sort of getting their feet wet now, and (for

these students who are typically moved all over the country and all over the world because of their family situation, it's important to have connections for them and getting involved in clubs and organizations is a wonderful way to do that," Zabokrtsky said.

"The hope is these 30 students will then take what they learned today back to the other members of their organizations...and share what they learned so they can do even more," she said.

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Fort Riley Middle School announces 2nd 6-week honor roll

Fort Riley Middle School

Fort Riley Middle School has announced students making the Principal's and Trooper Honor Rolls for the second six weeks of the school year.

Those making the Principal's Honor Roll earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher with no C's in any subject.

Those making the Trooper Honor Roll earned a 3.0 to 3.49 grade point average with no more than one C in any subject.

Principal's Honor Roll

Sixth Grade

Justin Acinena
Sage Albright
Ashley Bales
Elija Barrett
Bryana Bayless
Scott Beadies
Emma Beckert
Tiffany Carroll
Andrew Coelho
Patricia Counts
Jalynn Doane
Mikaela Emery
Xstazjah Evans
Jeremy Fiedler
Kathryn Frey

Cheyenne Gill-Richardson
Pedro Gonzalez
Phylicia Graves
Heath Hardy
Dannocques Hernandez
Joi Johnson
Alexis Jones
Caitlyn Kelly
Sierra Kelly
Caleb Krueger
Ashley Leturgez
Samantha Lewis
David Longino
Madison Lowery
Evan Mahoney
Shavon McGhee
Rebecca McManigal
Stephanie Muniz
Christopher Nelson
Elissa Newhart
Laura Nivens
Tandeka Nurn
Kimberly O'Connor
Sara Pool
Kirell Raspberry
Caylee reeves
Trista Rich
Joseph Righter
Samuel Righter
Ivan Sarabia
Christin Scott
John Sheffield
Justin Smith
Megan Smith
Sean Smith
Trail Spears
Bryan Stebbins
Benton Steward
Jonathan Sutphin
Jalin Tedford
Tyler Thomas
Morgan Towery
Jasmine Tullit
Kevin Vacanti
Cherokee Van Ness

Rachelle Vandermark
Ashley Weaver
Alexis Williams
Aaron Wiseman

Seventh Grade

Jocelyn Aguilar
Jasmine Bachman
Shameice Banks
Kendra Baskin
Dallas Behrens
Amy Belcher
Maggi Birchmeier
Clarissa Boberg
Jonathan Boyd
Brandika Cadenhead
Courtney Clyde
Kyle Dyson
Jacob Elliott
Mark Emmer
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Zachary Grindsstaff
Kayla Haack
Weslie Hatfield
Gregory Haug Jr.
Ashley Herra
Adonis Herron
Mason Holbert
Damaris Jimenez
Marlina Johannik
Percious Laupati
Lauren Moss
Kretchen Olmeda
Evergreen Osa
Michael Pappal
Blake Parker
Ashley Peetles
Taylor Pittard
Taylor Popple
Hunter Postler
Dylen Rasstad

Eighth Grade

Antleyse, Apodaca
Erik Baker
Ashley Benjamin
Zhakia Bynum
Katelyn Callahan
Alyssa Crowell
Mitchell Emerson
Candace Emery
Elizabeth Grammel
McKenzie Hardy
Amanda Hernandez
Brendan Higginbottom
Connor Howard
Zachary Jones
McKenna Kelly
Joseph Lannon
Melissa Leturgez
Michelle Lewis
Kaitlin Mahony
Luis Marengo
Kasha McDougald
Nathan McFarland
Alexis Miskevish
Brittany Moore
Kassandra Niola
Kiara Ocasio
Dominka Pulmann
Kelsey Robinson
Ashley Rogers-Floro
Zachary Sankey
Samantha Salterlee

Valerie Serna
Kayla Smart
Bettina Smith
Teasia Snowden
Hanna Sul
Michael Vacanti
Justice Van Ness
Samantha Veasy
Damian Wilkinson
Frankie Zachar VII

Trooper Honor Roll

Sixth Grade

Ruby Black
Terri Blakes
Nasia Brown
Bianca Cadenhead
Amber Call
Kevin Carrion
Megan Clemons
Douglas Day
Taylor Druse
Emily Ebersole
Michael Forshey
Joani Franceschi
Mary Frazier
Ryan Fuller
Victoria Gochenouer
Marquis Graves
Paul Harris
Ja Shawn Heartley
Grayson Hertel
Jeremiah Holland
Ronald Jackson
Destinee Lockhart
Rebecca Mann
Karia McFarland
Ashley McGee
Kayla Mendoza
Miguel Mendoza
Whitney Moore
Paul Mulliger
Taylor New
Fisoppo Numalelega

Yairan Perez-Cuevas
Jordan Pittard
Darius Profit
Ananna Ramon
Sergio Rubio
Rashaan Simmons
Justice Van Ness
Erika Veasy
Samuel Wiggins Jr.
Leshandria Willis
Dasia Wilson-Payton

Seventh Grade

Victoria Alvarado,
Zachary Auman
Shade Bornemann
Tara Chapman
Michael Clarke
Brittany Cook
Darius Dawsey
Eric Dixon
Jaelyn Hall
Gabriel Hanson
Olivia Henderson
William Huff
Nikki Jeter
Samantha Krantz
Emanuel Kuel
Aisha Lockhart
Tyler Manley
Zachary Maris
Ryan McClosky
Alyssa Moening
Brittany Moore
Mackenzie Moser
Joshua Nunez
Alejandra Parham
Taylor Pitz
Jason Purkapile II
Audriana Rivera
Rafael Rodriguez
Nathaniel Sankey
Nicole Santiago
Elijah Skinner
Jayna Smith

Brooklyn Taylor
Isaac Taylor
Paul Theriault
Dawnia Tinsman
Clayton Vermeesch
Ashley Wentle
Jonathan Wolford

Eighth Grade

Megan Black
Corey Brannon
Jamison Carmichael
Emmanuel Cockrell
Tyler Croston
Frank Davis
Rebecca Dirks
Dominique Forehand
Roy Glenn
Erin Gyuran
Zachary Hopkins
Zachary Hoper
Lillian Irwin
Leah Kundel
Kimberly Lee
Kaitlin Mahoney
Keonna Martin
Shaun McNemar
Troy Miller Jr.
Julie Miller
Sarita Pacheco
Courtney Paige
Austin Parton
Linda Perkins
Trevor Pond
Kellie Richards
Kebby Robinson
Gueini Salgado
Laura Seigel
Kaitlin Smart
Dylan Soper
Ashley Thomas
Samantha Van Ripper
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Sports news in brief

Wrestlers set team record

The Fort Riley Middle School Troopers hosted the 24th annual 7th and 8th grade wrestling tournament Dec. 9 at Junction City High School and set a team record with 14 wrestlers earning medals.

Tournament champions winning gold medals were Frankie Zachar and Guelmi Salgado.

Winning the silver medal with second place finishes were Jae Gadsen, Austin Parton, Ryan Thomson and Kevin Euring.

Third place finishers earning bronze medals were Derran Bibbs, Cody Skinner, Trevor Pond and Rebecca Dirks.

Brandon Nylen, Rory Haug, Alan Coleman and Alex Williams placed fourth in their weight classes.

Mike Vacanti won three matches but did not place. Dakota Wagenblast, Dylan Soper and Zach Grindstaff each won a match but did not place.

The last match this season will be Dec. 16 in the Salina Tournament at Lakewood Middle School.

FRMS wrestlers win, lose

Fort Riley Middle School wrestlers competed against three schools Nov. 30, winning three of seven matches against Rock Creek Middle School, losing 59-42 to Wamego Middle School and defeated Chapman Middle School 54-32.

No team score was kept against Rock Creek Middle School. Frankie Zachar, Kevin Euring and Alan Coleman won matches against Wamego.

Against Chapman wrestlers, FRMS Troopers Jacob Jac Gadsen, Austin Parton, Frankie Zachar, Rory Haug, Guelmi Salgado, Gabe Hansen, Zach Grindstaff, Trevor Pond, Rebecca Dirks, Kevin Euring and Alan Coleman won matches.

Outdoor Rec sets winter hours

Outdoor Recreation Center winter hours of operation now through March 3 will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The center will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Association sponsors run

The National Infantry Association will sponsor the first 5K Polar Bear Run on Fort Riley Dec. 16. The start and finish point is King Field House.

The run starts at 10 a.m., and walkers are welcome. Cost is \$15 before the run, \$20 the day of the run. A T-shirt will be provided.

To register for the run or for more information, call 1st Lt. Ed Zieminski at 239-1447 or 239-1448 or send him email at Edward.zieminski@riley.army.mil.

Panzer Bowl

Battalions revive battle for bowl title

By Pvt. Andrea E. Merritt
DISCOM

The 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, Centurions strong-armed the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, Rangers' offense in the fourth quarter to maintain their lead and win the 16th annual Panzer Bowl 24-12, played Dec. 2 at Sturgis Stadium at Fort Riley.

The flag football game originated and was played annually in Germany until play ended for 15 years.

The Centurions didn't start the game as strongly as they finished, however.

On the opening play of the game, Centurions offensive player Antoine "Neon" Buntun ran the ball four yards. On the second play, the Iron Rangers defense charged through the Centurions offensive line and smacked the ball from the quarterback's hands.

The Centurions recovered quickly to gain some momentum and managed a first down on the third play. Centurions offensive player Alex "Tiny" Moore danced his way through the Iron Rangers defense into the end zone to score the first touchdown of the game.

The Centurions failed to convert for the extra point and the Iron Rangers took control of the ball, moving to a first down on their first play from scrimmage.

The Centurions defense received an off-side penalty that advanced the Iron Rangers five more yards.

With a great field position, the Iron Rangers scored a touchdown on their third down. The punt for the extra point conversion was no good as the ball sailed into the shins of a Centurions defensive player.

With the score tied 6-all and the Centurions offensive team on the field, an Iron Ranger defensive player intercepted a Centurion pass. A little later, the Iron Rangers shuffled into the end zone to score another touchdown to put them in the lead, 12-6.

The Centurions wasted no time on offense. In three plays, they scored another touchdown to tie the game 12-all at the end of the first quarter.

On the first play of the second quarter, the Iron Rangers were flagged for holding and moved 10 yards back. They failed to recover from the penalty and handed the ball to the Centurions.

Taking advantage of the situation, the Centurions offense advanced down the field on a run and pass combination. On the next play, Moore blasted through holes

in the Iron Rangers defense to score his second touchdown and break the tie.

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With less than three minutes left in the game, the Centurions passed the ball to Moore, who sailed through the Iron Rangers defense once again to score his third touchdown and give the Centurions a 24-12 lead.



Centurions offensive player Antoine "Neon" Buntun dodges an Iron Rangers defensive player as he runs the ball during the 16th Annual Panzer Bowl Dec. 2 at Sturgis Stadium.

Bowl history

The Panzer Bowl is a traditional flag football game played between the Iron Rangers and an armor battalion. It began in 1975 at the Panzer Kaserne in Boebingen, Germany. It began with just officers competing, but expanded to non-commissioned officers and lower enlisted.

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The Centurions again were unsuccessful in their attempt at the two-point conversion.

With two minutes and eight seconds left on the clock, the Iron Rangers offense was third and goal when Buntun intercepted the pass.

"The Centurions played a tough game," said 1st Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, the Iron Rangers team leader. "I don't think we took opportunities to take initiative."

"Plus they (the Centurions) don't do work, they just play football all day," Zachar added jokingly. "We look forward to playing them again next year to get the title back."

"I am proud of our team," said 1st Lt. Col. John Nagl, the Centurions team leader.

"They truly were a strong arm for victory. They played great as a team," he added.

"Sgt. Buntun was our go-to guy. He and Joe 'Franchise' Ruzicka set the plays."

Bowl to attract recruits

By Mary Kate Chambers
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Some 80 high school football players across the country have been selected to participate in one of the Army's highest profile public relations events — the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

The game, to be played Jan. 6 in San Antonio, is the feature event in a series of outreach activities designed to support Army recruiting efforts.

"This initiative helps the command and the Army maintain their connections with America," said Tom Tiernan, outreach and event marketing chief at U.S. Army Accessions Command.

Tiernan compared the players on a football team with an Army squad.

"It's the same as in the Army, where a squad comes together and the individuals bring their own skills and talents," Tiernan said. Under the proper leadership, they become a cohesive team, more powerful than any one individual.

Micha Johnson, a player in the 2006 bowl, is a case in point.

Being selected for the bowl was especially meaningful to this linebacker. His father, Lt. Col. Skip Johnson, deployed to Iraq in September 2005. He missed his son's senior season, including the bowl game.

"Even though I wasn't there, I watched part of the game and was there in spirit," the elder Johnson said. He was able to connect with his son through a segment on ESPN, via satellite.

"It was real cool to play in the All-American Bowl," the younger Johnson said. "I had wanted to play in it because I would be representing the Soldiers and my country."

As a senior at Fort Campbell, Ky., Johnson was one of the nation's top football prospects. He earned his state's "Mr. Football" honor after playing just two years for the school team.

Johnson considered playing college football at Georgia State and the University of Notre Dame, but ultimately chose the University of Kentucky, where his brother, Christian, already was a member of the football team.

Johnson said the environment at the bowl was "intense."

"The atmosphere in San Antonio is big," he said. "All week we got tons of fan support."

Outdoorsmen to see significant change in new year

By Alan Hynek

Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Significant changes that will affect hunting, fishing and other outdoor enthusiasts will occur in 2007. While some only apply on Fort Riley, others will be in effect throughout Kansas.

A fair amount of Fort Riley's hunting areas may be closed to centerfire rifle hunting during the second segment of the firearms deer season Dec. 16-20. It is imperative that hunters who pre-selected a Fort Riley Deer Hunting Unit check the daily list of open areas at any of the 10 Hunter Check Stations or by calling 239-6669. Hunters may be able to select a different unit if their entire pre-selected unit is closed on any given day.

The cost of the Fort Riley Hunting Permit will increase to \$25 in 2007. A Fort Riley Hunting Permit is required for hunting on post in addition to all appropriate state and federal tags, stamps and permits.

On the Wildside: News About Nature

Fort Riley Hunting Permits, as well as all Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks licenses, permits and other issues, are available at any state license vendor, including state parks, county clerks and various retail vendors. All will go on sale Dec. 16 and will be valid for the remainder of 2006 and all of 2007.

Persons 15 and younger and 65 and older are not required to possess a Fort Riley Hunting Permit or general resident KDWP Hunting or Fishing License.

Rainbow trout stocking in Cameron Springs will likely resume in the fall of 2007 but may actually begin this spring, depending on availability of fish.

The KDWP did an analysis of trout stamp purchases and the results show that the Fort Riley area has the highest concentration of purchases in the state.

This may bode well for area trout fishermen because Fort Riley may be in a

unique position to have two designated trout waters.

A Kansas Fishing License is required to fish anywhere on post and a Kansas Trout Stamp is required if you are actively fishing for Trout in Moon Lake between Oct. 15 and April 15.

A trout stamp will be required while actively fishing for any species at Cameron Springs during that period, once trout stocking begins.

Fort Riley does not require an installation permit to fish. Open season for quail hunting in Kansas will end Jan. 21, which had historically been extended to Jan. 31.

Deer hunters will not be required to purchase an Either Sex Deer Tag before purchasing game tags in the January 2007 antlerless season. The January antlerless season is valid in parts of Kansas, but not on Fort Riley.

The cost of visiting Kansas

Contact info:

Open Area Hotline — 239-6669
Conservation Office — 239-6211
Outdoor Recreation Center — 239-2249
MP Game Warden — 239-6767
Internet Web site: www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/

state parks is going down in 2007 because the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission approved changes in state park vehicle entrance fees effective Jan. 1.

For 2007, state park vehicle entrance permit fees for the off-season Oct. 1 through March 31 will be \$3.70 for a daily vehicle permit (\$2.60 for seniors and disabled); \$19.35 for an annual vehicle permit (\$10.75 for seniors and disabled) and \$11.85 for an additional vehicle permit (\$7 for seniors and disabled).

State Park vehicle entrance permit fees for the in-season April 1 through Sept. 30, will be \$4.20 for a daily vehicle permit (\$2.85 for seniors and disabled),

\$24.35 for an annual vehicle permit (\$13.25 for seniors and disabled) and \$14.35 for an additional vehicle permit (\$8.25 for seniors and disabled).

The Parks Division of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks operates a system of 24 parks and the Prairie Spirit Rail-Trail. Most state parks provide utility and primitive camping and are located adjacent to lakes or reservoirs.

Besides camping facilities, parks offer boat ramps, courtesy docks, shelter houses, swimming beaches, trails and a variety of other amenities. Parks also host numerous special events, such as concerts and festivals, throughout the year.

On Fort Riley, the military mission has precedence over the announced hunting seasons. The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at any time without prior notice because of military activities. Security measures may be implemented at any time without notice.





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